

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 5 of page 1 with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/369,118, filed on August 5, 1999, which ~~This application~~ claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application 60/115,106, filed January 8, 1999, and is related to U.S. Application Serial No. 09/639,114 ____/____ entitled, "Hidden Agent Transport Protocol," and filed on August 5, 1999._____ and assigned to Convergence Corporation, the assignee of the present application. U.S. Patent Application No. 09/369,118 is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.